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WAR MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Nye, United Kingdom High Commissioner in Canada will address the student body of Macdonald College on November 25 on the occasion of the ninth annual War Memorial Assembly.

Born in Dublin on April 23, 1895, Sir Archibald was the son of a soldier (Charles Edward Nye). At the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover, which is reserved for the sons of non-commissioned soldiers, his interests were many and varied. The German invasion in 1914 made him too restless to continue his studies and, in the fall of 1914, he enlisted in the ranks of the famous Irish Regiment, the Leinsters.

After a very distinguished military career, his gallantry and soldierly qualities won him the Military Cross.

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EDITORIAL

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

November 11, 1954, eleven o'clock, the whistle blows, the bell rings, and everything is quiet. Everything is quiet, the professor has been interrupted, but only for a split second, for on he goes. Remember your uncle, your cousin or possibly a good friend, he gave his life in the hope that we could live in peace.

At Macdonald College the work must go on, lectures are to be given, labs are to be done, the unsung heroes of two wars died so that we could carry on, so why take time to remember.

We are to have a War Memorial Assembly, why take two minutes in the middle of the work day for remembrance. Why waste two minutes when remembrance is but a poor substitute for the selfless sacrifice of thousands who bravely answered the call to duty. Why waste two minutes when the war has been over for nine years and the hopes and dreams of the soldiers who made the sacrifice to secure lasting peace were futile. Why waste two minutes, Canadians across the land are standing for the Last Post, with heads bowed, and finally reveille. Why waste two minutes, are the students of Mac too young to remember, did Macdonald not suffer losses in the war, are we not proud to remember.

And so they passed over and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side.

W.L.O.

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In 1928 Sir Archibald decided to take up law. He passed his examinations in 1932, was called to the bar and became a member of the Inner Temple. His chief interests however, still remained in the army, and in 1939 he was made Colonel (temporary Brigadier) and given command of a brigade in India, which he trained to peak efficiency before returning to War Office, with the rank of Major-General. In 1941 he was appointed Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff and his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-General followed shortly after.

In the difficult post-war years in India he was elected to the Governor of Madras, a position he held until 1948, when he became Britain's first High Commissioner to India.

Sir Archibald is married and has one daughter. Lady Nye will accompany Sir Archibald. Lady Colleen Nye is the daughter of General Sir Harry Hugh Knox, a former A.D.C. to the King and Adjutant General to the Forces. As chief to the Woman's Voluntary Service Organization in London, Lady Nye played a leading part in the caring for bombed-out families during the war.

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November 14, 1954.

To: Editor of the Failt-Ye Times,
From: T.R.Parsons, Box 148, Macdonald College.

The Post-Graduate Society of Macdonald College

A meeting of the Post-Graduate Society was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 11th in the Seminar Room. Dr. Dion, Assistant Dean and Honorary President of the Society, opened a discussion on the "Post-Graduate Student". Twenty-two graduate students took part in the discussion which ended at 10:30 p.m.

The Society is sponsoring a tour on Friday, November 19, of the N.R.C. laboratories in Ottawa.

Would any graduate student who is not receiving notices of the Society events and who wishes to, please contact the Secretary, Mr. P. Dermine.

The Editor,
The Failt-Ye Times.

Dear Sir:

The Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce offers attractive career openings for university graduates. Selection of suitable officers as a result of a competitive examination is made according to the requirements of the Service and the next competition is scheduled for January 22, 1955. At that time we will be calling for 8 to 12 young men to fill the position of Foreign Service Officer, Grade I in the Trade Commissioner Service of this Department. An eligible list will be drawn when they have completed their university course.

In order to provide students at Macdonald College with complete information about the Service and details concerning qualifications and method of applying we are planning to send one of our Trade Commissioners who is at present in Canada to speak at one or two meetings during the latter part of November. Arrangements for this visit are being made with Dr. W.H. Brittain.

Yours faithfully,
John A. English,
Director
Trade Commissioner Service.

STUDENTS

Anyone who is interested in the Trade Commissioner Service, and who did not have the opportunity to meet Mr. W.B. McCullough, Assistant Director, Agriculture and Fisheries Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce, on November 16 can get information in the form of booklets and pamphlets from the Editor.

W.L.O.

Box 2000,
Macdonald College,
November 14, 1954.

Sir:-

I wish to take this opportunity to criticize the recent 'observance' of Remembrance Day at Macdonald College. I was deeply shocked to hear of the failure of certain members of the staff, (many of them veterans) to even acknowledge the customary two minutes silence at eleven o'clock, on that morning.

In past years, students of McGill University were given a pardon from academic activity on this day of homage to our dead of two world wars. As a student, it's absence was duly noted, since it gave us no opportunity AT ALL to regard this day in the proper light. However, this letter was not written as a complaint for the absence of a holiday: it is written as a criticism of those who failed to give us, the students, the opportunity to pay homage to those who gave up their lives that we might live as free and decent people.

It, Sir, is bordering on sacrilege to believe that Remembrance Day be observed ONLY by those who are relatives of the fallen or those who were actually engaged in the conflict. It is every bit as important that we, of 'the younger generations' be ever mindful of the carnage and slaughter that has occurred in two world wars. Our youth represents the voice of authority and diplomacy of the future; because of this, it is of the utmost importance that we are not allowed to forget the past. Broadly speaking, it is up to us to see, or to try to prevent, such things happening again.

When then, is to become of Remembrance Day? Is it to be lost to us completely or 'because things happened ten or fifteen years ago' do we just give it mechanical acknowledgment. (It is true that we hold a War Memorial Assembly for the purpose of the homage to the fallen members of our clan. However, it is my view that this assembly should be held in addition to the observance of Remembrance Day; not instead of it!)

Would it not be possible to cancel the 11:30 a.m. lecture and to hold a brief service of remembrance in the Assembly Hall? If the Senate begrudges us a day free of lectures, or even a free afternoon, surely one hour would not appear TOO excessive an opportunity to honour the fallen. If this is 'inconvenient' then, Sir, give us the opportunity to 'remember' individually. We owe the dead an irreparable debt, let us attempt to repay it in some way, even if it must be in two-minute instalments.

Your ashamed servant,

J.R. Reynolds.

Box 4000 Macdonald College,
Quebec, Canada.
November 1954.

The Editor,
Fait Ye times,
Macdonald College.

Dear Sir:-

Many of us will, no doubt, feel a certain sense of achievement after reading the last issue of this paper, and overcoming successfully the obstacle course of commas and rambling clauses contributed by Mr. Cumming. It is not that I wish to boast when I say that I succeeded, for I was compelled by an interest in the subject, and for that reason took more pains than most to decipher it. The question primarily discussed is that of freshman initiation, and the answer principally derived is that it should be basically remodelled in this college.

When stripped of their aurora of delightful meanders into the realms of fantasy and scientific metaphor, Mr. Cumming's arguments become surprisingly comprehensible and must be answered. Foremost and loudest of his pleas is for the cessation of all practises that apparently cause the discomfort of the new members of our community every year. This, in Mr. Cumming's opinion, convinces the freshman that he has arrived in a rough-house rather than an establishment of learning; makes the college a spectacle rather than an example, and causes a vicious cycle of eternal revenge. Mr. Cumming has a number of novel suggestions to take the place of this hooliganism; virtually all of them surprisingly enough, already exist in this College, - we are nevertheless most grateful to Mr. Cumming for mentioning them.

Mr. Cumming's experience in this field is evidently a little restricted, and it is to his credit that this in no way impedes his delivery. The initiation is not the bloody affair of tooth and claw that he has imagined, but a friendly game that is (I believe I am right in saying) enjoyed by both sides. It goes, (I hasten to assure Mr. Cumming) to no extremes and does have certain functions and results. To enumerate the more important ones; - it reduces all the newcomers to the same level by facing them all with the identical situation; it helps them to get acquainted with their classmates and with the other students; it helps them to unite as a class and to work together, and by means of placards and conspicuous dress their names are easily learnt by the remainder of the student body. At the end of it all they feel that they have made the grade, and may be admitted on an equal level.

It will be interesting for Mr. Cumming to hear (and I have it on the authority of the Dean of Chicago University) that the average daily vocabulary of a sophomore is 2500 words. I offer this, not as information, but as a warning lest in future epistles Mr. Cumming again be overcome by the exuberance of his own verbosity.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
John Gormley.

"FARMERS' PARLIAMENT" HERE DEC. 6.

Canadian farmers face a big reduction in farm income this year and an appeal for some form of federal aid may be raised at the "Farmers' Parliament" scheduled to convene Dec. 6.

For three days federal and provincial agriculture ministers, their deputies and leaders of Canadian farm organizations will debate the fortunes of Canada's rural folk at the annual federal-provincial agricultural conference.

Those close to the farm organizations said yesterday that the question of farm income and its impact on farm purchasing power likely will be a major issue.

With prairie producers harvesting their worst wheat crop in 11 years and with rain and frost hitting other parts of Canada, indications are that net farm income will drop by some \$400,000,000 this year to a seven-year low of about \$1,200,000,000.

This would be the third consecutive annual decline from the peak of \$2,150,000,000 in 1951. Farm officials concede that many of the large western grain producers likely have accumulated savings against the possibility of a bad year. But they are less certain of the fortunes of the marginal producer and the young new farmer entering the field and hit by a crop failure.

CHANGES IN LIT & DEB SCHEDULE FOR CLASS PLAYS

Sophs	Thursday	November 18.
Froshs	Monday	November 22.
Homemakers & Dips	Wednesday	November 24.

FROSH PARTY

On Nov. 2, the class of '58 had planned a get-together at the Water Front. The weather man however, was not very cooperative, and when 8 o'clock arrived the rain was still pelting down, with no sign of hesitation. A minor thing like a rain storm was not going to dampen our Reunion. Shortly after the zero hour the members of the Class started slipping through the Coffee Shop entrance, dripping with rain.

The party was soon in full swing, and after enjoying some refreshing soft drinks, and freshly rolled hot dogs, two of the more prominent members unwrapped a box with their eyes blind-folded. The remarks which they made were supposed to be the exclamations that they were going to make on their wedding night.

Dancing to the "Coffee Shop Hits" continued until 10.55 p.m. when most of the girls had to repair to their residence. Back at the Coffee Shop all that was left of the jovial group was the caretaker who was lazily sweeping the scuffed floor.

The Editor,
Failt-Ye Times.

Dear Sir:-

The Gold Key Constitution - Section 4, Election of Members.

"The nomination of a proposed member must be signed by not less than ten (10) undergraduates. Nominations for the members must come from the same class as the proposed member, etc. No undergraduate shall sign more than two such nominations for any one election."

It seems that some offence has been taken to my remark on the subject of these nominations made in "Facts and Romances", Failt-Ye Times, November the twelfth.

Slander is defined as "a false report intended to hurt".

Certainly, no slander against the Gold Key Society was intended. Far from it, - the statement was made only as constructive criticism. Quite possibly, I am to blame for the misinterpretation of my intent. For this reason I wish to clarify my opinion on the subject.

At the end of first year Agriculture and Home Economics two members are elected in each course to take their positions on the Gold Key the following year. This is the only case, except under unusual circumstances, where two members from the same class are elected at the same time. In all other cases only one member is elected. The last sentence of the paragraph, quoted from the constitution, states that no one may sign more than two nominations for any one election. This implies, obviously, that one individual may sign nominations for two persons if he is so inclined. As far as the election of the two members of each course in first year goes this statement applies; since two people are to be elected in the voting, then, of course, two nominations also may be signed by any person. But in all other cases - where only one is to be elected then it is nothing short of ridiculous for an individual to nominate two persons and then be faced with the decision of voting for one of two people, both of whom he is supposedly supporting. This decision, far more logically is made before signing a nomination list.

It would appear to me that when this section of the constitution was written, the case where only one individual was being elected was not considered or the confusion would not have occurred. This confusion of course, may only be on my part. My recommendation, however, is that the sentence, "No undergraduate shall sign more than two such nominations for any one election," be changed to "Under no circumstances may an undergraduate sign more nomination lists than members to be elected."

I believe that an addition to the constitution on the subject of Election of Members is also necessary at this time. The addition is this, "In the case of a small class, a nomination of less than ten signatures may be accepted. This shall be left to the discretion of the Society executive."

I sincerely hope that these suggestions will be considered in the same good faith in which they were intended.

A Friend.

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Dr. H.R. Common, Chairman of the War Memorial Committee will receive Sir Archibald and Lady Nye and conduct them to the Guest Suite in the Men's Residence. After Dean Brittain's Luncheon at Glenaladale the guests will be taken on a tour of the Campus. During the afternoon the Students' Council will hold a reception for Sir Archibald and Lady Nye in the Walter Stewart Room. A buffet supper will be held in the Home Management Apartment following the Students' Council reception.

The ceremony in the Assembly Hall is scheduled to start at 8:00 P.M. Students are asked to be seated by 7:45 P.M. This assembly is an occasion of solemn tribute. It is hoped that all members of the Student Body will take advantage of the opportunity to hear Sir Archibald and to participate in such a significant and memorable event.

Rupert Perrin.

FANTASTIC FLIGHT

Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Class of '56 put on for the first time since 1950 what can really be called a successful one act drama. The drama is the hardest of all productions for amateurs, calling for both skilful directing and acting. To say that the play was faultless is untrue, but then the production of a faultless play is near to impossible. Let it suffice to say that the few faults were inconsequential compared to the brilliant directing and acting.

To Stu Wells go the first laurels of the evening. Though the juniors picked a difficult play, Stu led them through in fine form. The timing was perfect and the interpretation of three different locations on a stage the size of that available here at Mac was remarkable. At this point it seems quite opportune to congratulate Don Gilchrist and his helpers on the lighting and props. It has been quite a while since Macdonald College has seen a one act play in which the phone rang at the right time, i.e. before the phone is picked up and not after. The ease with which the play followed from Noah Boomer's Office to the News' Editor and Reporter's office is due to perfect timing on the part of the actors reading their lines and the electrician handling the lights.

Leading the roster in the acting, was Bill Hobbs as Noah Boomer. It is very seldom that we can see at Mac a person put so much into his part. Only close observation would have shown his nervousness at the start of the play. The zest with which he played his part, the excellence of his oratory and the timing and planning of each movement led to a performance which has as yet to be excelled. Fran Tucker and Mairi Matheson as Stella Boomer and Hope Tregoring were excellent in their supporting roles. Buddy Hughes as Heatherfield also gave an outstanding performance. Julie Macaulay as Miss Pither, Ron Coyles as the Reporter and Ralph Watt as News' Editor carried their parts quite well.

In summation, it can be said that the Class of '56 should indeed be very proud of their excellent representation on Lit & Deb Night by the cast, the director, the program committee, the make-up girls, the stage crew and the stage manager.

THE GLORIFIED BRAT - A Smashing Success.

On Thursday evening, November 18, the Soph class presented the 5th in the series of interclass plays. Their selection was Charles Emery's comedy "The Glorified Brat".

The plot was woven around Emily, the "brat", excellently portrayed by Judy Pratt. She, being an extremely spoiled child, tries her best to come between her adoring father, Stephen, and his new bride, Claire. Everyone in town dislikes Emily intensely because of her selfish, inconsiderate attitude, but Stephen builds his whole life around his daughter, even eats grapefruit instead of oranges for breakfast because she likes the former.

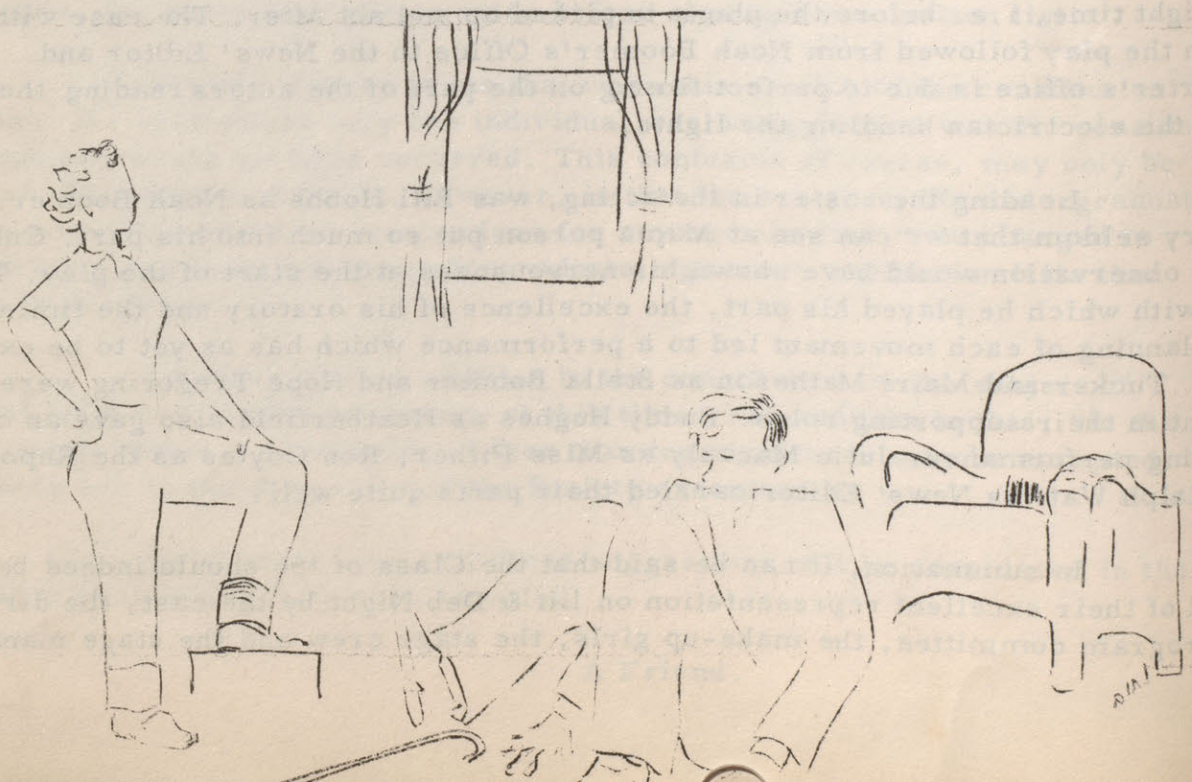
Both Gloria Stenson and John Gormley deserve applause for their fine job in portraying respectively Claire, the stepmother, and Stephen, the blind father.

Pat Mahaffy played the role of Amesey, the housekeeper, equally as well, and the play certainly couldn't have been a hit without those scenes between she and Emily.

Bob Dobson, the producer, and Rick Grandmaison, the director, are to be congratulated for the fine job they did in making the play a success.

Also to be mentioned for their help and advice are the people behind the scenes who added the finishing touches to the presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS SOPHS. YOU DID A FINE JOB.



Sports

CHAMBLY HIGH VISITS MAC.

Playing their first game of the season, the Macdonald Junior Aggies basketball team lost to Chamby County High School 58-28. In their first outing together after only a few practises, Coach Bill Shippley turned out an inexperienced but promising group of players. The experienced Chamby County boys, led by their 6'8" coach, Mr. Humes, a seasoned basketballer, dominated the play throughout the game. Our forward line played good ball, but just seemed to be off the mark as they were in close many times. Inexperienced guards and lack of height were big factors in not providing the forward line with adequate protection in their own end.

The team showed well, and after more practise and playing together, they should be quite a team

DATES OF BASKETBALL GAMES.

November 20	Bishops at Mac
November 26	Mac at Sir George Williams
November 27	Sir George Williams at Mac.

CLASS '58 INTER-CLASS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS.

Football day, Saturday November 13, determined the interclass football champions for the 1954-55 season. The day was ideal for football though a little chilly for spectators. This final game was played between Junior II and the Frosh team. The hard hitting game got under way about 2:15 P.M.

G.P. MacDonald opened the scoring with a kick for one point about the middle of the first quarter. The freshmen team was well organized, and they played very hard right from the kick. In the last minutes of the first quarter Al Baker, freshman, scored the first touchdown of the game on an onside kick. The convert was knocked down.

The second quarter was as hard played and as outstanding as the first. The freshmen, however, managed to score again. K. Dean ran the ball to the Junion II one yard line before being tackled. R. Wallace carried the ball for the second touchdown. The ball was passed to R. Brunet for the convert.

The third quarter was scoreless but there were some spectacular runs and tackles. The fourth quarter opened with both teams fighting, but there was no scoring until the final minutes of the game when Al. Baker again got through the line for a touchdown. The final score was 17-0 in favour of the Frosh, but the Junior 11 team must be given credit for a good game. The Freshmen were the champions; and their supporters rushed onto the field to photograph and congratulate their champions.

The Frosh team wish to say thanks, Perigo, to their outstanding playing coach.

The team line-ups were as follows:-

Freshmen

G. P. MacDonald
I. Campbell
M. Edwards
A. Baker
E. Johnston
K. Dean
R. Brunet
R. Booth
B. Graham
K. Barton
M. Ward
R. Wallace

Junior II

S. Wells
J. Reid
R. Watt
R. Dow
S. Clarke
D. Gray
E. Lawrence
A. Hughes

(missing) M. Sherwood.

L.G.H.



COMING



Features

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

- Orchids - to the piano playing in the Stewart Room.
- Onions - to the cutting down of lilac bushes in front of Women's Residence.
- Orchids - to the "new look" of the Coffee Shop - and to the signs within.
- Onions - to the people who pay no heed to these signs.
- Orchids - to the spirit at the Class Plays.
- Onions - to the Mid-term Exams and Tests.
- Orchids - to the Teachers' "Fin Fantasy" - a great success.
- Onions - to those who still don't fill the milk jugs after having had the last full glass.
- Orchids - to our football and soccer teams - they tried hard!
- Onions - to whoever could have but didn't replace the clock in the foyer.
- Orchids - to the new seats in the Assembly Hall - so soft, so luxurious that sleep comes easily!
- Onions - to the not improved meals. (meals?).
- Orchids - to the new Men's Smoker Room.
- Onions - to the use it is sometimes put to.
- Orchids - to the Publicity Department's very good signs.
- Onions - to the removal of the phone from the second floor, Women's Residence.
- Orchids - to a year of fun, frolic and perhaps some study!

"SHE DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH TOO GOOD"

RICHMOND, Va. Stan Chatham, nine-year-old grandson of Virginia Governor Thomas B. Stanley, was duly impressed Wednesday by his luncheon date with Queen Mother Elizabeth.

"Gee, I think she's nice" he said. "She's real pretty" .

His brow wrinkled a bit, though, as he thought for a moment of the royal tutor to the old dominion and he added:

"But there's only one thing. Somehow it seemed she didn't speak English too good. But I guess she speaks English very good just to have been in this country such a long time."

Dear Judy,

Being a prospective teacher, I decided it was time that I became educated and cultured!! (not that I'm not now - to a certain extent.) So, the other night I went to Montreal to see an opera!! Isn't that a panic??? Can you just picture me at one, surrounded by fat, stuffy (not literally) women??? Well, it's true and I did go!

It was an opera by Mozart, and someone told me that an opera becomes more beneficial if you find out about the author's life before seeing the opera, because then you can understand his music better. (only sometimes, I guess - it didn't help me much!)

Mozart was a real queer!? He had a horrid temper and once he threw some eggs at his landlady! (that's sort of romantic in a way, isn't it?) But his music certainly wasn't. I was very disappointed with it, the opera was called "The Marriage of Figerty" (or something like that) and I thought that it would have been a sad love story. (most marriages are). But to tell you the honest to goodness truth I really don't know what the opera was about! Because it was spoken - or should I say sung - in a foreign language, I didn't understand a word of it. Gee, I wish someone would make a law that all operas had to be sung in English. And boy, were the tickets ever expensive!

Anyway, they say Mozart played his Works for his wife before he made them public, poor woman. It's a wonder that she didn't die before he did. Guess it was he who cracked under the strain first though, 'cause he died very young. Well, the programme said he was young but he was really quite ancient - thirty-seven - too old to go out with, and besides, he was married. Lucky that they didn't have any children. They were very poor, probably because no one would buy his music. I don't blame the aristocrats (dig the crazy word I picked up!) for not buying it. I certainly wouldn't have, if I had been a rich German noble of the eighteenth century. The opera doesn't even contain any tunes that can be sung. I wonder if any of the "Arias" (that's what they called "a song" in those days) were on the 1751 hit parade. I doubt it since none of them are very danceable, although the programme did say that this opera was very popular. Maybe they were just pushing their product.

But now I'm wandering from the subject. I was telling you about Mozart's children. Could you just imagine a band of little Mozarts all writing that silly stuff? (We learnt in our psychology course that was a talent? - can be inherited.)

Oh dear, I just realized how late it is. I must go now. I have to do a psychology write-up on a child that I've been observing. It's really quite a difficult job. You have to have intelligence, loads of insight and a real understanding of human nature before you can do it properly. I can't understand why I'm doing poorly in the course.

Well, I do have to go. It's eight o'clock and I have a date for 8:45. It takes me about forty-four minutes to dress so I've only about one minute in which to do my assignment.

I'll write you again soon, and I'll tell you all about the opera. Also remind me to tell you about the woman who sat next to me in the theatre.

Abigail's sister,
Suzie.

P.S. Do I sound more cultured?

MACDONALD'S HIT PARADE

Ebb Tide - The John leakage, Women's Residence.
Forever and Ever - The line at lunch.
Again - Cheese dreams.
Stranger in Paradise - Joe's for the first time.
Sin - Under the willow tree.
Somewhere Over the Rainbow - Men's Residence.
The Hostess With the Mostess on the Ball - Mrs. Strang.
The Birth of the Blues - 8:30, Monday morning.
So Sorry Now - Breaking curfew.
Tell Me Why - we have leaves.
Little Green Jug - Sadie Hawkins Week.
Some Enchanted Evening - Fin Fantasy Prom.
Chatanooga Shoe Shine Stand - Dip's Initiation.
I Get Ideas - The Men's Smoker.
Dancing in the Dark - Coffee Shop.
I Get a Thrill Out of You - Uniforms.
I'm Always True to You in My Fashion - Macdonald.
Goodnight Sweetheart - Foyer - 10:59 P.M.

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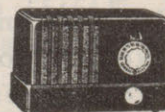
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Why isn't the University Calendar made available to students? Dr. Ross explains that in a small university the calendar very frequently is given out to each student. At McGill, however, there are many faculties and schools. The average student is interested primarily in his own faculty. If he wishes to find out about another field of study, he can obtain the appropriate booklet for that faculty as well. The University Calendar itself, as a combination of ALL campus booklets, is prepared principally for the conveniences of libraries and other universities. Three hundred copies are mailed out. Ten, bound in hard covers, are retained for McGill's own files.

File copies point up changes and growth. Sixty years ago, for example, one course in Botany and one in Zoology was the sum total of instruction in Biological Sciences being offered at McGill. Today two sections in Arts and Science booklets are devoted to general and honours subjects in these subjects, and related fields have been added to contribute to larger, more comprehensive listings of today.

The Calendar's principal functions remain two-fold: to introduce prospective students and their families to the University and to help the undergraduate chart his course of study at McGill.

The Calendar's Story - Part 1.

MESSENGERS BOUND IN RED

(How did you first hear of courses and happenings at Mac and McGill? In many ways, perhaps, but chances are your first official word on the subject arrived in the form of a slim red volume, an "announcement", of Macdonald College or of a McGill faculty or school. Tens of thousands of such booklets have been sent out to officials over the years - for a century or more. This feature, by a former Failt-Ye contributing editor, tells the story of official publications of today. Next week, through the eyes of a calendar of sixty years ago, you'll be able to begin three instalments on college life when grandpa went to McGill!)

Two years ago an architecture student at a university in Northern Ireland came upon a heavy red volume while browsing in a campus library in Belfast one day. He took the book down and commenced to read. He was intrigued by the story that it told.

Searching for the unusual in summer employment that year, the architecture student obtained a post on a tramp steamer operating out of Belfast. One August day the steamer docked in Montreal. The Irish student was given a few hours from his duties, and was to be seen strolling up the main avenue of McGill's Montreal campus that warm afternoon. He was soon in conversation with professors and students. He displayed a remarkable knowledge of McGill.

The thick red book that he had taken from the shelf in the Belfast library had been a McGill University Calendar, one of 300 forwarded to libraries and institutions of higher education throughout the world each year. Though seldom

viewed on either McGill campus, it is the most important of official McGill publications. It incorporates the booklets of various faculties and schools - the slim red volumes that are the average student's introduction to academic courses and procedures at McGill. To these the Calendar adds an historical sketch and other information of general interest to those who might be seeking a first glimpse of Macdonald and McGill.

Preparation of the Calendar--issued annually--and other official University publications is under the supervision of Dr. W. Bruce Ross, Assistant Registrar. Except for Student Handbooks, McGill's Annual and the Clan--students efforts--and the University Annual Report, which is issued by the Principal's Office, all McGill booklets receive their final approval at Dr. Ross' Dawson Hall desk. Thousands go out annually to prospective students in all parts of the world.

Each booklet is revised annually--and each revision may prove a staggering task. Hundreds of minor changes in courses, instructors, reference texts and the like must be recorded each year. Deans supervise the Calendars of their own faculties. The task of revising entries for individual courses often is delegated to department heads. For reasons of economy, the type for all pages is retained at the printer's from year to year. A glance through back calendars reveals that much remains unaltered through the years. Appearance has changed little. Minor revisions and additions are instituted from time to time.

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A PLEA TO SANITY

This is an age of Investigations. Montreal has a vice probe, the world of Science looks into the Atom, the U.S.A. has her McCarthy hearings. Macdonald College is carrying out an investigation on extra curricular activity and inactivity. This is just naming a few of the more unimportant investigations.

Being a profound scholar, I was asked to make an intensive and extensive search into college activities. On reading the literature dealing with the subject, it became apparent, that a number of years ago there had been a preliminary enquiry. With great difficulty these previous workers had approached to within 10 ft. of the problem. To approach this dangerous subject any closer was considered definitely unsafe. In fact a strong recommendation to this effect was made in their final report.

Being, as I have mentioned before "a profound scholar" I closely followed their advice. (They were also profound scholars.) Consequently the following report is based upon observations made from a distance of 10 ft. Apart from being a safe distance, it also enables us to view this dangerous subject "in TOTO", instead of by bits and pieces. If Al Cap's monster was dismembered, each part would appear to be harmless enough. From this one might erroneously report, that the monster could cause no evil, and thereby mislead and endanger the whole population.

The following are the facts: (a fact is a statement that no one has yet disproved).

1. There are still only 24 hours in each day.
2. The number of official college activities (including lectures) have remained approximately the same during the last 10 years; with the exception of the Macdonald Royal Fair, which was instigated about 8 years ago by a group of

people, who rumour has it, suffered from over-developed thyroid glands.

3. The Green and Gold review has been growing bigger and bigger, though not always better, every year.

4. The enrollment in the faculty of Agriculture and School of Home Economics as measured by the size of the graduating class has become smaller and smaller. If all goes well, the graduates of '55 will consist of less than 20 HEc and 40-50 BSc students. These figures should be compared to the 200 odd Agriculture and Home Economic students who graduated in '49.

"Being a profound scholar" (see earlier section of report) I will not bite off more than I can chew. Consequently the possible reasons for this decline will not be considered. Remember also that these observations were made from the safe distance of 10 ft.

5. It is the senior class (have pity on them) that bear the brunt of all these activities (including lectures).

RECOMMENDATIONS and Comments.

a. Liquidate the Royal, on the grounds that it serves no really useful purpose to the students. (who are busy as hell anyway organizing other things.) As an alternative, increase the size and importance of FARM DAY which is held in the summer (and put on by the staff). Macdonald College always looks better in the summer.

b. A general policy of reduction in amount coupled to a possible improvement in quality, should apply to all college activities (including lectures).

CRITIAS

"LA VIE PAR EXCELLENCE"

What is your "vie par excellence"? Many of us have a hazy idea of which it is but could not clearly define the meaning it holds for us. For myself, college is a proving ground for the recognition of the ideas I have held toward my "vie par excellence".

Merely existing is not life in its highest state. We must always have ideals to which we are striving and standards that are continually changing. To do this we must first of all recognize, understand, grasp and then hold these ideals. Recognizing these ideals which hold a very definite value in our lives is the first step. Our college years may be used in a positive direction, so as to achieve this very important step. "An ideal?" you say, "Just what is an ideal?" An ideal is an abstract thought which embodies an idea answering to your highest conception.

Those of us who come to Macdonald are preparing for potential careers from which we hope humanity will gain. Our motto "Mastery for Service" expresses uniquely the idea which I am putting forth. There are those of us possibly who are here "merely for personal gain now and in the future". Ah! but my dear friends, just what is it that constitutes personal gain? It is not only the acquisition of material things but also that of "heavenly food" for which the soul yearns. For many of us this type of hunger is satisfied in part by being of service, even in some small manner.

What is education, an ideal or standard? To one who is in high school, a college education could well be an ideal in the true sense. However, in general, education is a means to an end, and this end takes the form of an ideal, or I should say, the combination of all the ideals we have ever had. All through life we are gaining knowledge of some sort and this acquisition of learning never really ceases until we die. Hence our ideals which we hold throughout our lives never become reality. Nevertheless, if one has done his best to achieve ideals of value, as the most important Book in the world has stated, then these will be realized as we live an everlasting life with "our Father."

The education one receives at our college takes the form of high intellectual training, character and personality development. It satisfies many of the questions and desires of our lives, and in doing so it allows us to lead a happier life and as you know in this way we may become more worthwhile citizens.

The intellectual training we receive here takes a great deal of time and effort, but it certainly has its rewards. It plays a large part in our personal satisfaction - and might I say without fear of contradiction - also plays a large part in developing our personal pride. Here, unfortunately, is a danger point. There is a very fine line between personal pride stemming from satisfactory gain, and personal conceit. As is generally admitted conceit takes numerous forms. One definite form is when it allows a person to think in terms of the great "I Am". Certainly a college education is an accomplishment worth being proud of. A person who is really "educated", however, realizes the equality of man in every sense. The world will always have people who are in constant need of help and when one encounters a person such as this it is well to remember, - "There but for the Grace of God, go I."

The manner by which this intellectual training is brought to bear is through routine. A successful life must have routine as its foundation. But how dull life would be if there was no branching from this routine. To many, the routine part of their lives is their main interest. There are those, however, who would rather die than lead a life consisting of strictly routine events. We must search and search to find the correct balance of these things that will suit us. Even some middle-aged people have not found the balance peculiar to themselves. A person is indeed fortunate if he finds it early in life. College is an ideal spot to discover the balance suited to yourself. Here, one must judge what is the most important aspect, and then balance up with it, those aspects of varied interest. Macdonald is well-known for its extra-curricular activities which provide a great deal of pleasure. They afford one the opportunity of exchanging ideas with people of one's own age, hence widening the circle of friends. One can never say that social life at Macdonald is lacking! If true balance is grasped, one shall have the basis for a successful life.

Problems that one encounters while at college take many forms. The logical step by step method of answering scientific problems trains the mind to reason objectively. After a few years of tackling and probably solving many of these type problems and social problems which arise, one is incited with that goodly portion of confidence which every individual must have. Accepting different positions of responsibility at college, also, very definitely, adds to a person's self-confidence.

At college, especially a small residential one like ours, there is a definite feeling of belonging. We all belong to a class and join in group activities.

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This situation, however, tends to have one serious drawback. As was mentioned "we belong" and consequently there is a strong tendency to conformity. Once in the "world" we are individuals of recognized merits and there is no "class" as such with which to conform. The way one acts is a product of his sense of values and conforming to something may not embody what he feels is correct. Conformity is correct if it is an expression of everyone's will. This is, however, definitely not always the case.

A human being and his ideas are subject to constant change. It is never too late to formulate one's "vie par excellence." Let college be a helping hand to get started and really live!

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